

St Anne's Pantry Update

July-August 2020



Addressing Food Insecurity in Porirua

770 People Served

170 Deliveries!

During July and August



Sofia Ali & Margaret Alve
St Anne's Pantry Co-Facilitators

St Anne's Pantry Deliver

We deliver food parcels to the homes of those who request food support. We offer same day delivery if we receive requests by 1pm during weekdays. And, we seek to deliver the love of the Community to the recipients of food.

Editorial

Following the Covid-19 Level 3 & 4 lockdowns St Anne's Pantry **volunteers continue to operate at a busier than normal pace**. In July there were 92 deliveries to Porirua and Linden households and during August 78 deliveries. The total number of households we have delivered to since the beginning of the year has increased to 449.

July began with us in the midst of New World's Family2Family Appeal for groceries. During the nearly four weeks of the Appeal we received the equivalent of 250 bags of groceries from New World Porirua valued around \$20 each - \$5,000 worth in total. **We say A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in Family2Family.**

During July local **Porirua City donors made donations of \$2,000**; we're still counting what has come in during August. All in all, through these two months the Pantry has been well stocked and we have been able to be quite generous with our food parcels - typically most of these provide food for a family for up to a week.

We continue to be major beneficiaries of **Kiwi Community Assistance's food rescue and provision service**. During July and August they have moved to a much bigger warehouse which provides an enhanced service and pickup facility. **And CAB Porirua graciously provided most of our referrals.**

On 21st August one of our deliveries passed away suddenly. We acknowledge and give thanks for the life of **Cheryl Middleton** who was a member of the Titahi Bay Presbyterian Church. Cheryl, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

At the time of writing we are most encouraged by our **growing connection with the local community**. A late August Queen's Guide Camp at Elsdon baked for the Pantry. St Teresa's School Karori delivered extensive proceeds from their grocery drive early September. Pauatahanui School will run a food drive for the Pantry later in September. Recently we spoke at a Porirua Rotary meeting following their generous (\$1,000) grocery donation. **Thank you community for your support.**

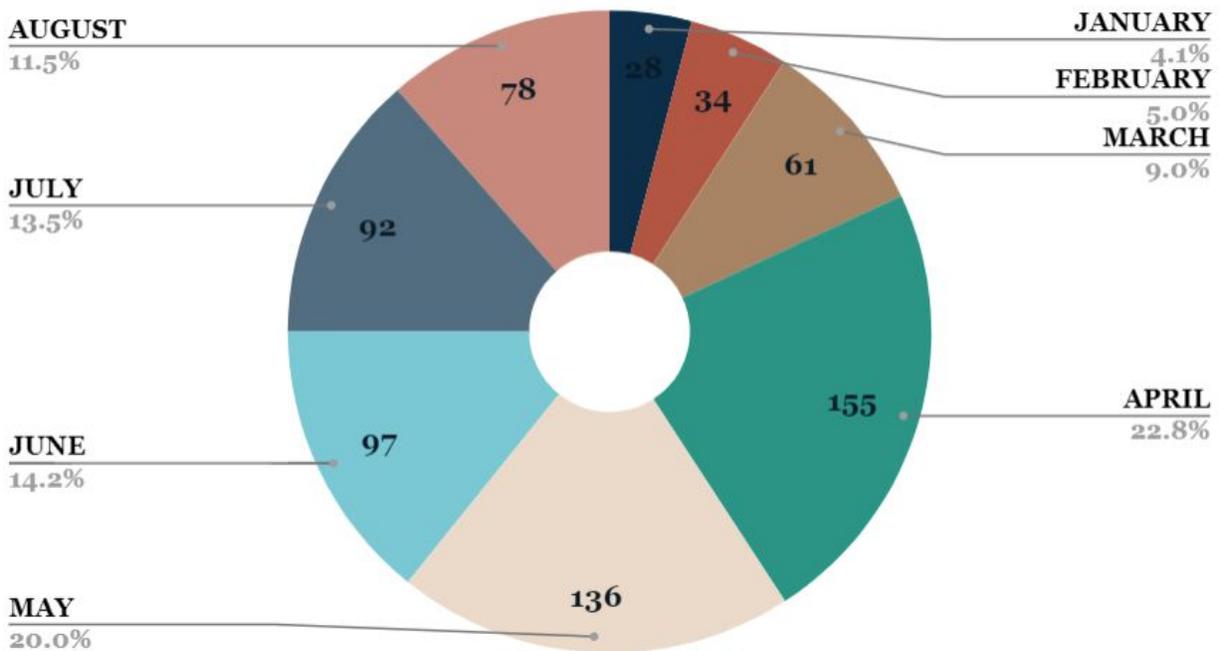
Yours sincerely in Christian Service,

Terry Alve

Priest in Charge, Porirua Anglican Church



DELIVERIES BY MONTH 2020



We Continue - A Team Together

The St Anne's Pantry operation is a multi-faceted union of many people. The 3000+ people in Porirua and Linden who have received 681 food parcel deliveries this year to the end of August are the people we are here to serve. This cross-section of the Porirua and Linden community regularly ask us to express their deep appreciation for everyone who makes food deliveries possible. Those of us on the frontline are regularly and deeply humbled by the heartfelt responses we observe and hear.

The volunteer team of eleven who administer, shop, collect, shelve, pack and deliver food parcels are a very special group who are our special representatives in this enterprise. 100+ individual and family financial donors help to fund the operation. Many donate food - the supermarket donors, the church congregations, the individuals, other groups and schools and especially Kiwi Community Assistance. Government and institutional grant providers allocate funding and play a vital part in making St Anne's Pantry able to address food insecurity in our City. And, our partnership with CAB Porirua continues to be special. **Thank you all.**

St Anne's Pantry is what it is and achieves much because you all care.

Porirua New World Family2Family Appeal



From June 22 to July 12 - New World Porirua distributed \$5,000 worth of groceries from the Family2Family Foodbank Appeal to the Pantry. This resulted in a large trolley load of groceries daily being collected and added to St Anne's Pantry for local distribution during this period. New World Porirua owners - Victoria and John and staff spared no effort to promote this wonderful local initiative. **Thank you New World Porirua, Porirua Rotary and all who supported this Appeal.**



The Porirua Rotary Club Donate 50 grocery bags in 5 Trolleys to St Anne's Pantry

Kiwi Community Assistance Move Warehouse



Outside Kiwi Community Assistance New Food Rescue Premises - KCA are our major food suppliers

Citizens Advice Bureau AGM

Citizens Advice Bureau Porirua (CAB) recently held their AGM. In her report to the meeting outgoing Chair Anne Gibson reflected on some of the implications for her agency in the light of the Covid-19 lockdown, including the difficulty and pain facing those in bereavement, before addressing the issue of 'digital exclusion'. She lamented that a CAB commissioned in-depth report published in February this year did not get the attention it deserves because the pandemic took over. The report '**Face-to-Face with Digital Exclusion**' draws on the experience of thousands of CAB clients nationally who cannot access the Government (and other) information they need because it is online, and the alternatives are difficult and time consuming.

The report continued by dispensing with the view that this is an older-generation problem that will soon disappear. CAB would suggest that it is largely related to income and goes across all age groups. Some government departments have dispensed with printing forms and information needed by those without access to a computer. A consequence is that CAB ends up printing these papers so clients can access information and forms needed. **You can read the Digital Exclusion report online (if you have a computer!) here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/digitalexclusioncab>

CAB Porirua appointed Sue Shotter as their new chairperson at the AGM. St Anne's Pantry offers congratulations to Sue and sincere appreciation for Anne Gibson's work in this role. **St Anne's Pantry partners with CAB Porirua who provide 60-70% of our referrals for a food parcel.**

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News in Brief

- St Anne's Pantry continues to offer a **five days a week operation**. Requests received by 1pm are usually delivered the same day; otherwise next day, or Monday if requests are received after 1pm Friday.
- The recent **donation of a chest freezer** has meant that we have been able to store all goods at the one venue rather than the two we were using until July.
- **Interesting speakers are available** if your group is interested in hearing about the work and mission of St Anne's Pantry. Please call or text 027 944 4996 or, email stannespantry@gmail.com
- During the 5 days - 31 Aug to 4 Sept - **31 food parcels were delivered** as requests for food spiked.

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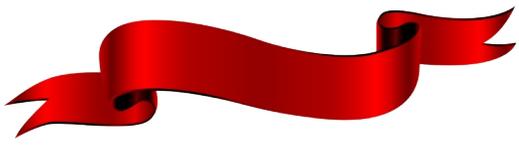


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St Theresa's School Karori Principal Mary-Angela Tombs delivers her School's Grocery Drive Proceeds to St Anne's Pantry on 4 September